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Centennial Celebration



Mark joins friends and neighbors of the Kaiwiki Chapel who gathered to celebrate the Chapel's 100th anniversary.

The program was followed by refreshments and fellowship at Kaiwiki Park.

Kaiwiki Community Association has been working with landowners in an attempt to reach an agreement that would allow for the preservation of the chapel.

Dear Friends,

The 2010 Legislative Session has begun and there are a number of measures that are moving forward.

Balancing the budget, finding ways to support and stimulate the economy, addressing school furloughs and ensuring that we care for the vulnerable members of the community are a few of the challenges that we must address before the end of the session.

Thank you to the many of you who have taken the time to share your ideas and concerns with me by completing the community surveys that were distributed to residents during our numerous pre-session community meetings.

I value your thoughts greatly and always look forward to hearing from you on matters of mutual interest. Aloha,

Mark Nakashima

HB 2946—Capital Improvements for the First Representative District

Items that are include on Rep. Nakashima’s district wish list for 2010 include:

Haaheo School Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 60,000
Honokaa School Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 89,000
Paauiilo School Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 89,000
Kohala Ditch Repairs—Pipe Installation	\$1,500,000
Kohala Ditch—Misc Repairs	\$ 320,000
Paauiilo Slaughter House/Rendering	\$4,150,000
Kapulena Agricultural Lands	\$ 5,000,000
Hale Ho’ola Hamakua Expansion	\$ 16,000,000
Kohala Hospital Emergency Room	\$ 2,775,000
Honokaia Pastoral Lots Water System	\$ 250,000
Ahualoa-Honokaa Water Line	\$ 5,000,000
Kapaau Boat Ramp	\$ 760,000
Hawi Reservoir #3	\$ 1,700,000
Honokai Access Road Repairs	\$ 100,000
North Hawaii Education Center Expansion	\$ 1,500,000
Hakalau Community Center	\$ 550,000
Laupahoehoe Point Road Improvements	\$ 4,000,000
Halaula Exploratory Well	\$ 600,000
Paauhau Exploratory Well	\$ 1,200,000
Pepeekeo and Papaikou Water Systems	\$ 1,000,000

I introduced a number of bills that will address issues of concern to residents such as educational governance, school furloughs, the environment and economic development and stability.

Educational Governance

HB 2126/HB 2127—Requires the department of education to provide a minimum of 190 instructional days in each school year.

HB 2267—Provides for an early and equitable distribution of grant money received by the Hawaii Charter School Office when charter school enrollment numbers were used to secure the federal grant.

HB 2424/HB 2428—Redistricts the Board of Education to provide that each school board district shall be comprised of three representative districts.

HB 2425—Requires the Governor to appoint the members

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of the Board of Education. Requires BOE members to represent and reside in school complex areas instead of

possible checkout bag distributed to customers.

HB 2426—Adds solar energy to the definition of eligible

burden of increasing premiums.

HB 2313—Repeals the income tax provision that requires the reporting of gambling winnings but not losses.

HB 2355—Imposes a maximum child care subsidy of \$500 per month per child and authorizes the Department of Human Services to amend its guidelines for determining eligibility for child care subsidies. This seeks to minimize the impact of DHS rule changes on child care centers.

HB 2421—Appropriates funds to promote economic development for local food and energy businesses to ensure that Hawaii is energy and food self-sufficient to the maximum extent feasible.



Representatives from UH Hilo visit the capitol including (from left to right) Kalena Silva (College of Hawaiian Language), Hāwane Rios, Mark, Kiani Yasak, Gerald DeMello, Chancellor Rose Tseng, and Ian Nāhulu Maioho.

school districts.

HB 985—Requires fiscal accountability at the school level. Requires the Board of Education to develop an appeals process for school community councils.

Environment

HB2125—Requires businesses in the state to collect an offset fee for each plastic dis-

business activities within a state enterprise zone.

HB 2427—Changes the interval between revisions of the county solid waste management plan from 5 to 10 years and as necessary.

Economy

HB 2169—Reduces employer contributions for unemployment insurance to ease the

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Health

HB 2084—Appropriates money for fiscal year 2010-2011 to match the federal disproportionate share hospital allowance allocated to the state and authorizes some funds to be used to obtain matching federal disproportionate share hospital allowance for prior fiscal years.

HB 2394—Provides a refundable tax credit for the purchase of respiratory equipment to protect against the effects of VOG.

For Questions or concerns please contact me at 974-4000 extension 66680 or via email at repnakashima@capiotl.hawaii.gov. I can also be reached at 775-9170.

Mid Session Meetings



Mark and Dwight invite residents to their mid-session report to the community where they will update everyone on the status of current issues and activities at the Capitol.

Monday, February 22, 2010

9:00 AM	Kohala Senior Citizens*	Kohala Senior Center
5:00 PM	Kohala Community Meeting*	Kohala Senior Center
6:30 PM	Waimea Community Meeting+	Waimea Middle Rm K-1

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

9:00 AM	Pa'auilo Senior Citizens	Pa'auilo Senior Center
10:00 AM	Hakalau Senior Citizens	Kulaimano Center
7:00 PM	Rural S. Hilo Community Assn*	Kalaniana'ole Sch Cafeteria
7:00 PM	Hilo Community Meeting+	UHH UCBI27

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

9:00 AM	Honoka'a Senior Citizens	Hale Hauoli
7:00 PM	Honoka'a Community Meeting	Honoka'a Sch Cafeteria

Thursday, February 25, 2010

9:00 AM	Papaikou Senior Citizens	Papaikou Senior Center
10:30 AM	Pepeekeo Senior Citizens	Kulaimano Center
7:00 PM	N. Hilo Comm Council	Laupahoehoe Library

*Rep. Nakashima Only

+Sen. Takamine Only